FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0152 Title: Increase emergency statutory appropriation Primary Sponsor: Fisher, S **Status:** As Amended in Senate Committee Sponsor signature Date Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director Date **Fiscal Summary** FY 2004 FY 2005 **Difference** Difference **Expenditures:** General Fund \$0 \$0 Revenue: General Fund \$0 \$0 \$0 **Net Impact on General Fund Balance:** \$0 Significant Local Gov. Impact **Technical Concerns** Included in the Executive Budget Significant Long-Term Impacts Dedicated Revenue Form Attached Needs to be included in HB 2

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1. The DNRC will deposit federal fire reimbursement into a federal special revenue fund, request budgetary authority, and utilize those funds for fire suppression costs.
- 2. Expenditures incurred in support of cooperating agencies (e.g., U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs) have been as low as \$3 million in 1991 and as high as \$55 million in 2001.
- 3. This bill also increases the statutory appropriation available to be expended on the Governor's declared emergencies from \$12 million to \$16 million per biennium. There is no way to predict what actual emergency expenditures will be.
- 4. During the July 1992 Special Session, HB 51 created the emergency statutory account for fires at \$3 million for a biennium and this was increased from \$3 million to \$10 million during the 1995 session (Chapter 401). There were no further changes until HB 75 was passed and approved as Chapter 55, Laws of 1999, to combine the \$10 million account for fires and with the \$2 million account for all other declarations of emergencies or disasters with no increase in authority for a biennium.